AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

1. Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 32 of the specification and

ending on page 7, line 13 as follows:

Figure 3 illustrates a top view of a lead body having the insulating material removed to

form welding region 20 by exposing conductor 20. As shown in Figure 3, the welding region

20 is preferably formed obliquely relative to the lead body. Welding region 20 provides access

to conductor(s) 22 for electrically connecting the band electrode to conductor 22. Welding

region 22 is typically formed by removing the insulating material from lead body 10. The

insulating material is removed to expose small sections of the individual conductors 22 without

breaching the inner lumen, if present. Typically, an excimer laser is used to remove the

insulating material. When the insulator is removed by laser, welding region 20 may be in the

form of a groove in the insulator. Although, welding regions may take a variety of forms and

orientations that expose a sufficient surface area of conductor 22 to form an electrical

connection with a conductive pad, discussed below. When in the form of a groove, welding

region 20 is typically formed such that the groove runs parallel to conductor 22. Regardless of

the form of welding region 20, enough insulating material is removed to expose sufficient

surface area of conductor 22 for securing a conductive pad or elongated conductive element to

the conductor.

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